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OOPS Oakland police say a man impersonating a police officer tried to pull over a real undercover officer and was arrested.

Police say 21-year-old Antonio Fernandez Martinez of Oakland was arrested last week in the Fruitvale district after trying to pull over an unmarked police vehicle. Martinez was driving a Ford Crown Victoria outfitted with flashing lights, a microphone and speakers. Martinez, a convicted car thief, will have his felony probation revoked and could face a prison term.

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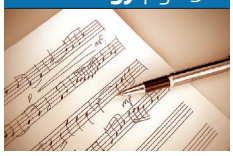
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Music **Hello Katy**

JOHN KENNEDY/FOR METRO TORONTO

Katy Perry performs last night at the Molson Amphitheatre during her Hello Katy world tour. Perry performed a string of hits for the eager crowd, but Metro's reviewer found Perry's performance focused less on musicianship — and more on looking the part. More coverage, page 17.

This stinks

City, union fail to reach settlement to end strike

T.O.CivicStrike

Negotiations to end a 35-day strike by Toronto's municipal workers went down to the wire last night.

As midnight approached, negotiators for the city and locals 79 and 416 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees continued to talk in a last-ditch effort to reach agreement. Spurring them on was an ultimatum issued Friday by Local 416 president Mark Ferguson, who said he would walk away from the talks if agreement wasn't reached by midnight last night.

About the only promising sign came earlier in the evening when some members of Local 79, representing the city's inside workers, said they received calls from their union heads alerting them to a potential settlement before the midnight deadline.

As the deadline neared, union spokesperson Pat Daley said the talks have now reached the most critical moment, as both sides attempt to iron out a solution for the "tougher issues."

Both sides, she said, are making a serious effort, talking back and forth to reach what she called a "serious deadline."

Local 416 represents 6,200 outside workers, including garbage collectors, while Local 79 represents some 24,000 mostly inside city workers.

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Golfers face different elements in Kandahar Open

Unlike the real thing, there was no threat of rain yesterday — or even much hope of respite from the searing desert heat as golfers braved the fairway at the Kandahar Canadian Open.

Most golfers waited until the relentless sun of southern Afghanistan began to set before venturing onto the greens at the NATO base in Kandahar to tackle a mini-replica of the Glen Abbey Golf Club, where the soggy real Canadian Open was being staged.

Aside from the weapons slung across shoulders and the military uniforms, the weather also set the Kandahar tournament apart.

"We just have 50-degree heat to deal with," said Bill Pigden of Winnipeg, a retired major who is now a civilian manager at the Canadian Forces' Personnel Support Agency at the base, where morale is one of his duties.

The Royal Canadian Golf Association provided technical information about the Glen Abbey course, which they laid out in miniature. The 18-hole course was set out in a small field in the middle of "the boardwalk," the centre of recreational life on the sprawling base, and it was complete with artificial turf greens.

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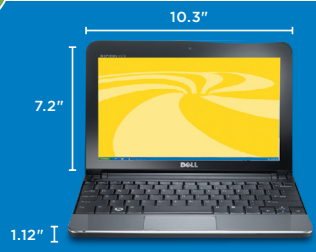

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Brampton man handed over to U.S. police

A Brampton man has been handed over to American police after allegedly attempting to smuggle about $80,000 worth of drugs, including about 500 oxycodone pills, into the U.S. Chamoun Khoshaba, 39, is charged with intent to distribute a controlled substance. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local

Airport authority workers OK deal

About 900 workers employed by the Greater Toronto Airport Authority have ratified a new collective agreement by a margin of 87 per cent. The Canadian Auto Workers union says the agreement includes a 12 per cent wage increase over the life of the contract, which runs through July 2013. The CAW says the agreement was achieved after "an extremely difficult set of negotiations" with the GTAA bargaining committee. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Booze thefts rising: LCBO

'Product shortages' jump by $1 million to $6.5 million in losses

Booze heists are on the rise at Ontario's liquor stores — and a sagging economy may be partly to blame.

The Liquor Control Board of Ontario says "product shortages" for the last year were up by close to $1 million, to $6.5 million.

Some of the so-called shrinkage at the agency's 607 stores is being pegged to fumbled inventory counts, broken bottles or short shipments from warehouses.

But the LCBO has also seen a rise in thefts that may be linked to the manufacturing province's sour economy.

"Tougher economic conditions, as we started to experience in 2008-09, can lead to increased incidents of shop theft and break and enters," said spokesman Chris Layton.

The Canadian Press obtained internal reports about the missing inventory through Ontario's freedom-of-information legislation.

The documents show stock shrinkage increased in the 2008-2009 fiscal year to .18 per cent of net sales, from .16 per cent the year before. Layton said that marks the highest level over the last decade.

The shortages are much lower than for the general retail industry, which recorded inventory losses of about one per cent for 2008, according to the Retail Council of Canada.

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Top 10 worst yearly losses by an LCBO

- Woodbridge, Ont. (7850 Weston Rd.) - $200,584
- Toronto (2 Cooper St.) - $115,935
- Toronto (2901 Bayview Ave.) - $96,057
- Maple, Ont. (2943 Major Mackenzie Dr.) - $95,514
- Ottawa (275 Rideau St.) - $90,394
- Richmond Hill, Ont. (8783 Yonge St.) - $85,209
- Thornhill, Ont. (180 Promenade Circle) - $80,874
- Markham, Ont. (192 Bullock Dr.) - $79,585
- Toronto (147 Laird Dr.) - $77,799
- Toronto (2946 Bloor St. W.) - $77,470

Orphanage to stay open with donation

ETHIOPIA A Toronto-based mining company has donated $100,000 to keep an Ethiopian orphanage afloat, giving hope to Canadians in the process of adopting children living there.

Many companies have offered donations to help would-be parents left heartbroken when Imagine Adoption filed for bankruptcy July 13, said BDO Dunwoody, the trustee handling the bankruptcy. However, the large donation given by Yamana Gold should be enough to keep the Addis Ababa facility afloat.

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43 The facility currently houses 43 children already matched with potential Canadian parents.

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A giant sink hole remained unfixed yesterday on Finch Avenue, between Bathurst and Dufferin.

Pair of sinkholes form following heavy rains

WEATHER Two massive sinkholes on a stretch of Finch Avenue are forcing the diversion of traffic.

Heavy rainfall over the weekend, including 37 millimetres of rain falling during a two-hour period yesterday, created a massive sinkhole on a stretch of Finch between Dufferin Street and Wilmington Drive. The sinkhole, which was approximately five metres wide, was approximately 14 metres deep — about as tall as a lowrise apartment building.

A day later, a second sinkhole began forming east of the original, said city officials.

The second sinkhole, also is about three metres deep. Crews have been on the scene since Friday, however, the repairs are expected to continue throughout the week.

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Hudak hands rival deputy leader job

POLITICS New Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak is giving one of his leadership rivals a plum job in the Opposition shadow cabinet.

Christine Elliott, who finished third at the Tories' June leadership convention, will become deputy PC leader and health critic.

Norm Miller, son of former premier Frank Miller, will take on the key role of finance critic as well as the job of chief whip, while Peter Shurman will be critic for economic development and trade.

Christine Elliott

Lisa Macleod will be the revenue critic, leading the Opposition's attack against the harmonized sales tax that takes effect next July.

Veteran Bob Runciman, who acted as interim leader after John Tory resigned in March until Hudak's election, will be the party's new house leader.

Hudak wants the Conservatives to focus their attacks on the Liberal's economic policies, and the party leader will take on the job of chair of the legislature's committee on spending estimates.

"We need a government that gets the fundamentals right and lay the foundations for a sustainable private sector job creation plan to bring jobs back to this province," Hudak said in a release.

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Toronto man charged with child porn offences

Toronto police have charged a man who worked as a camp counsellor with child porn offences. David Andrew Bowden, 25, of Toronto, was charged with two counts each of possession of child pornography and accessing child pornography. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Torrents soak Toronto

City dams near capacity after heavy rain: Meteorologist

Dam levels are up as showers and thunderstorms drench the province, but Ontario should enjoy a brief respite from the rain today and tomorrow, Environment Canada says.

The heavy rain has only come in the last four days, particularly in southern and eastern Ontario.

Severe weather meteorologist Bryan Tugwood says short, intense bursts of rain create run-off and flash flooding because the ground can't absorb the water fast enough.

"I know that talking to the conservation authority here, some of the dams are getting quite high, the reservoirs. There's not much room for too much more rain. It's coming fast and furious."

Tugwood says July brought a near-record rainfall last year, however, and Ontario is below those amounts this month.

This summer, low temperatures have set the record.

STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Emma DaSilva, just off a boat cruise wades across the street Saturday as parts of Queen's Quay resembled a river after Toronto was hit by another day of rain.

"It's supposedly the coldest July and June since 1992."

Rain levels varied, with 33 mm falling in the downtown area and only about 14 mm in the north end of Toronto, Tugwood said.

Tugwood said the waves of energy and occasional showers and thunderstorms would continue. "The potential for more heavy rain is there."

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Re-booting immune system possible: Study

HEALTH The body's immune system attacks and kills our own fat as we gain weight and can be manipulated to fight obesity and diabetes, a revolutionary new Toronto study says.

And although this natural ability to kill fat cells is overwhelmed in obese people, it can be "rebooted" by a readily available medication — a process that may replace some bariatric surgeries in the near future.

In a rare, triple-threat study, published yesterday in the journal Nature Medicine, researchers also point to a likely reason obesity can lead to Type 2 diabetes.

"This really targets where the problem lies so this is very exciting to us," says Dr. Hans-Michael Dosch, the paper's senior author.

The immune system's critical role in obesity and diabetes, and the likelihood it can be re-programmed to reverse these epidemic conditions, came as a "shock" to the paper's researchers, says Dosch, a senior scientist at the Hospital for Sick Children.

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Researchers

- Researchers at the University of Toronto, Mount Sinai Hospital and Stanford University in California also conducted the study.

News in brief

SHOOTING Sebastian Herrera, 23, was gunned down in an apparent robbery after leaving the Brunswick House Friday night. Police are asking for any new witnesses to come forward.

IRAN Hundreds of Torontonians joined a global day of action Saturday, in support of activists in Iran following the country's disputed presidential election.

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Chatham teen dies after being struck by car
A southwestern Ontario teen is dead after she was struck by a car Friday. Cassandra Walker, 16, of Chatham was outside a shop on a main street when the vehicle hit her and another 16-year-old girl. The second teen was taken to hospital in serious condition. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Allergy risk in 'non-dairy' item

Health Canada has warned people with milk allergies not to use an unauthorized natural health product labelled as a "non-dairy" item. The federal agency said Dophilus Chewable tablets, manufactured by SISU of Burnaby, B.C., contain trace amounts of milk protein from dairy ingredients used in the production process.

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Experts fear Arctic conflict

Denmark releases paper laying out northern military plans

With Denmark becoming the latest nation to reveal major plans to sharpen its Arctic military capabilities, a global buildup in the tools of northern warfare has experts concerned about an increased risk of conflict.

"The question is whether these moves, which are built on a kind of mistrust and a worry about one's own possession, might accumulate in a way that could bring on a more conflicted Arctic," says author and retired University of Toronto professor Franklyn Griffiths.

"That is a worry."

Denmark last week released an all-party defence position paper that suggests substantial improvements to the country's northern capabilities.

It says the country should create a dedicated Arctic military contingent that draws on army, navy and air force assets with ship-based helicopters able to drop troops anywhere.

Danish fighter planes could be patrolling Greenlandic airspace.

Surveillance systems are expected to be upgraded. Inspection vessels replaced. A new Arctic Command will probably be established.

And Denmark is far from alone.

Russia has announced its intent to create an Arctic special forces unit. It has also embarked on an ambitious icebreaker program, has promised to modernize its northern fleet and has sent long-range bombers to the airspace boundaries of several Arctic countries.

Last year, Norway chose to buy 48 Lockheed F-35 fighter jets partly because of their suitability for Arctic patrols. In March, that country held a major Arctic military practice involving 7,000 soldiers from 13 countries in which a fictional country called Northland seized offshore oil rigs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Federal commitment to the North

- The Conservative government has launched a publicity blitz touting its commitment to Canada's Arctic. An accompanying website — northernstrategy.gc.ca — will also provide updates on the progress of those commitments.

Ottawa makes final bid to fight Europe seal ban

TRADE The federal government made a last-ditch effort yesterday to persuade European politicians to vote against a ban on Canadian seal products.

The European Council of Ministers is widely expected to vote for tight restrictions on the seal trade when it meets today in Belgium.

Stockwell Day

But on the eve of the vote, Trade Minister Stockwell Day and Fisheries Minister Gail Shea urged the European parliamentarians to think twice about supporting the ban.

"The proposal currently being considered within the EU will serve no purpose other than to damage the livelihood of coastal and northern Canadians and their families," they said in a statement.

In May, members of the EU Parliament endorsed a bill that would slap tight restrictions on the import of seal products to all 27-member countries.

The ban is expected to take effect in October.

The European ban still allows Canada to ship seal products through Europe, but it bars the promotion of those same products.

Seal products from Inuit and Aboriginal communities in Canada, Greenland and elsewhere would be exempt under the ban.

Day and Shea threatened trade action against the European Union if it goes ahead with the ban.

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Two dead after rollover on Ontario highway

FATALITIES Two men are dead after a motorist lost control of his vehicle on an eastern Ontario highway early this morning.

Police said the incident happened shortly after 4 a.m. on a main highway leading into Peterborough over a parkway.

Police said a 1997 Ford Expedition travelling north crossed the centre median, crossed into the southbound lanes and hit a guard rail.

OPP Const. Iain McEwan said the driver, 24, and his passenger, 29, both from Peterborough, were pronounced dead at the scene.

Police have not yet determined the cause of the collision, but said speed and alcohol were factors and the driver was not wearing a seatbelt.

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Peterborough County OPP, city firefighters and city paramedics on the scene of a fatal rollover on Highway 115 and The Parkway in Peterborough yesterday. Two men were killed.

Significant government investment needed for carbon capture: Report

ENERGY The federal and Alberta governments may have to invest between $1 and $3 billion per year after 2015 to turn the business of capturing carbon into a viable commercial technology.

A report by the Alberta Carbon Capture and Storage Development Council suggests that energy prices could rise as consumers shoulder "a large share of the burden" of the costs of the technology.

But the council concludes that investment in cleaner energy production will help contribute to the province's prosperity.

Last month, the Alberta government announced that seven companies would share $2 billion to fund three carbon capture and storage projects, to be built by 2015.

They aim to capture carbon dioxide from industrial emissions, including oil-sands operations, and inject it deep underground.

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No silver bullet

- The report authors warned that carbon capture and storage is not a "silver bullet" and needs to be complemented with policies that include wise energy use and continued efforts to "green" energy production.

News in brief

CRASH Witnesses to a water bomber crash on B.C.'s Okanagan Lake say the landing gear was down, causing the plane to cartwheel over the water. They were videotaping the planes Saturday dipping into the lake to capture water to dump on the nearby Terrace Mountain forest fire.

FINE Conquest Resources Ltd., a gold exploration company, was fined $130,000 Friday under the Occupational Health and Safety Act in the death of a worker.

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Parents charged with assaulting baby

Halifax police have charged two adults with assaulting their seven-week-old child. The mother and father, both 23 and of Halifax, were charged with aggravated assault. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Refugee reform coming?

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney says he is open to creating a refugee appeal board, a long-standing demand of the NDP and Bloc Québécois.

But Kenney says such an appeal body would only be acceptable under a streamlined refugee intake process — and whether that would include the current Immigration and Refugee Board is a key question worrying advocates.

Jason Kenney

Kenney says he wants to work with the opposition to come up with a new model.

An appeal board was actually written into the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act by a previous Liberal government. But it has never been brought to life for fear it would simply add another layer of bureaucracy to an already sluggish system.

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A Princess Cruise Lines employee takes a photograph as Department of Fisheries and Oceans officials look at the carcass of a whale lodged at the bow of the ship on Saturday.

Dead whale found impaled on cruise ship

ANIMAL CORPSE Biologists with the Fisheries Department have removed a dead whale lodged in the bow of a cruise ship docked at the Port of Vancouver.

The Princess Cruise Lines' Sapphire Princess arrived at the Canada Place terminal Saturday morning with the whale stuck on a part of the bow that goes through the water.

Tourists visiting one of the city's most impressive downtown destinations took pictures of the fin whale while some employees from the nearby Vancouver Convention Centre trickled over to stare at the animal.

Julie Benson, spokeswoman for the cruise line, said the whale was discovered at 6:30 a.m. PT as the vessel, which takes passengers to and from Alaska, was preparing to dock.

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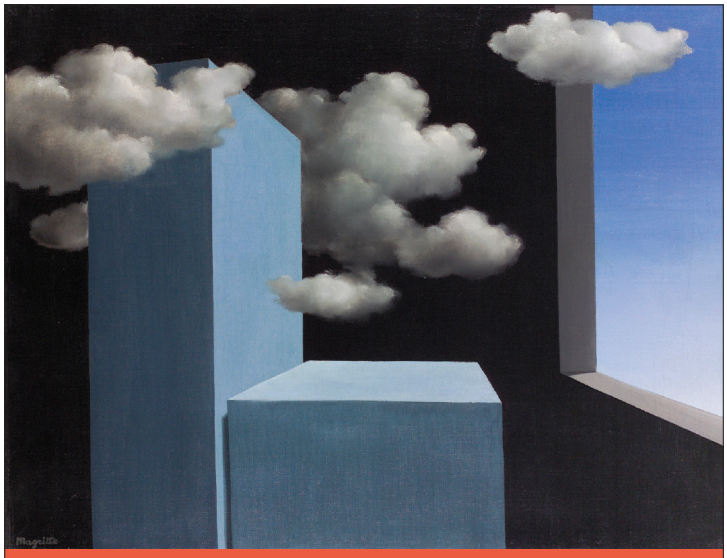
News in brief

FOREST FIRE The B.C. Forest Service says the Okanagan fire that is keeping over 1,000 people out of their homes is now 50 per cent contained.

WEDDING NIGHTMARE A 50-year-old woman was shot in the head as she attended a wedding in Winnipeg Saturday. Police say at least one gunman opened fire on the crowd. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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U.S. general pledges support for Yemen
The official Yemeni news agency says the top U.S. commander in the Middle East is pledging American support to fight terrorism in the troubled Arabian peninsula country. Gen. David Petraeus met yesterday with President Ali Abdellah Saleh. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Sarkozy collapses while jogging

French President Nicolas Sarkozy collapsed while jogging yesterday on the grounds of the Chateau of Versailles and was to stay at a hospital overnight even though tests so far have found nothing wrong, his office said. Doctors quickly performed a battery of tests on the 54-year-old president, who is known for his hyperactivity. The presidential Elysee Palace said Sarkozy's test results were normal but that doctors would keep him under cardiological observation until today. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Indonesia **Car-free day**

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Indonesian women walk past traditional giant puppets called "ondel-ondel" during a car-free day in Jakarta yesterday. The city's government bans cars, buses and motorcycles from the main business district every last Sunday of the month to promote clean air in the city of 8.5 million, which is often plagued with bumper-to-bumper traffic.

News in brief

RUSSIA A suicide bomber killed five people and himself, and wounded at least 10 others yesterday in Grozny, the capital of violence-plagued Chechnya. The regional Emergency Ministry said the attacker tried to enter a concert hall before the start of a play. It said four police officers stopped the attacker about 40 metres from the hall and died in the explosion. **CHARGES** Egypt's prosecutor general yesterday officially charged 26 suspects, including two Lebanese and five Palestinians, for spying for the militant group Hezbollah, as well as plotting terrorist attacks and aiding militants in the Gaza strip. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'A lot to be proud of'

Outgoing ambassador to Afghanistan lauds Canada's role

Canada's outgoing ambassador to Afghanistan says the insurgency is strong and determined, and deep-rooted challenges lie ahead for the war-torn country and the international troops who have taken on the Taliban.

But Ron Hoffmann said he's leaving the post in Kabul after two years with optimism about the future of Afghanistan, and about the role Canada has played.

It's been a "momentous and transformative" time for Canada, he said.

"I leave here feeling really upbeat about our country but also recognize that Afghanistan has challenges ahead," Hoffmann said in a recent interview, as he prepared to hand over his office in Kabul to new ambassador William Crosbie.

"I think, for Canada, we have a lot to be proud of in terms of our policy."

Canada has among the largest civilian contingents in Afghanistan, and Hoffmann pointed out that even after the military mission is set to end at the end of 2011, Canada will continue to make a significant contribution to the country.

> **"We've been making a real contribution in one of the toughest parts of the country and we've made a real sacrifice for that."**
> Envoy Ron Hoffmann

Hoffmann said there's no doubt that the security situation in Afghanistan has deteriorated.

But there has been improvement in some regions, including in the capital Kabul.

Elsewhere, the overall shortage of international troops has been a major constraint for the NATO effort, he said, adding that the influx of U.S. troops by the end of this year will address that.

In one of his last interviews as Canada's envoy, Hoffmann said corruption within the Afghan government remains high and everyday Afghans have not seen the progress they expected after the Taliban were ousted in 2001, and following the first presidential elections in 2004.

The goal is to put Afghanistan on the road to self-sufficiency and there has been "unprecedented change," he said.

"I'm confident that Afghans will prevail. They're people who are resilient and determined and talented."

For Hoffmann, among his most difficult experiences as head of the Canadian mission have been the phone calls informing him of Canadian losses — 125 Canadian soldiers and one diplomat have died since the mission began.

"We've been making a real contribution in one of the toughest parts of the country and we've made a real sacrifice for that."

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Ousted PM feted by supporters

THAILAND Thousands of supporters of ousted Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra celebrated his birthday yesterday with lavish Buddhist ceremonies, praying to cardboard cutouts of his image and chanting prayers to cleanse his karma of the misfortune they say has dogged him. The festivities reaffirmed Thaksin's status as the country's most popular politician, despite his self-imposed exile. Thaksin was removed by a 2006 military coup.

NASA patches air purifier

SPACE STATION NASA has patched an air-purifying system aboard the International Space Station. A machine for removing carbon dioxide from the station atmosphere shut down Saturday. Flight controllers had it working again yesterday. The astronauts will perform their fifth and final spacewalk today. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S.-China talks commence

TRADE With the global economy mired in recession, the U.S. and China begin talks today to seek a solution together despite tensions over currencies, the U.S. budget deficit and the huge trade gap with China.

Ultimately, how well the U.S. efforts succeed could help determine how fast the economy recovers and how many U.S. jobs might be created once it does. Other issues, such as climate control and North Korean nuclear ambitions, also will command attention.

Record deficits

- U.S. manufacturers blame an undervalued yuan for record U.S. trade deficits with China — and, in part, for a decline in U.S. jobs.

Few expect the talks to bridge the sharp differences between Beijing and Washington. But both governments want to build a less confrontational relationship.

Three years ago, Henry Paulson, then U.S. Treasury secretary, used the talks to press Beijing to let its currency, the yuan, rise in value against the dollar, to make it cheaper for Chinese to buy U.S. goods.

The U.S. efforts have yielded only mixed results. The yuan, after rising about 22 per cent since 2005, has scarcely budged in the past year. Beijing had begun to fear that a stronger yuan could threaten its exports, which were already under pressure from the recession.

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Mousavi requests memorial for dead

SERVICE Iran's opposition leader asked authorities yesterday for permission to hold a memorial service for victims of last month's post-election unrest, including a young woman whose death was caught on video and became a symbol for protesters.

Authorities have pressured the families of slain protesters not to mourn publicly out of fear the gatherings could spark the kind of demonstrations that followed the June 12 presidential vote, according to the opposition.

IranCrisis

Opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi sent a request to the Interior Ministry to hold a memorial service Thursday to commemorate the end of the 40-day mourning cycle for at least 10 people killed on June 20. One of those killed that day was Neda Agha Soltan, a 27-year-old woman shot on the sidelines of a Tehran protest. Her dying moments on the street were viewed by millions on YouTube, and she became an icon in the opposition's struggle.

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Head over heels for hope

HineSight

Anne Hines

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On a recent morning I hit on a great truth about love. Romantic relationships call into play the two most powerful and overwhelming forces known to human kind. Hope and hormones.

I realized this during a phone conversation with my friend Rob. It went something like this.

Rob: The most amazing thing has happened. Incredible. Stupendous. You won't believe it.

Me: So, those new strawberry-esque doughnuts at Tim Hortons. The best thing ever? Or a wicked plot by Weight Watchers?

Rob: What about my news?

Me: You've met a woman. She's perfect. You're madly in love. You never knew you could feel this way.

Rob: Well … yeah. Except for the part about … well … yeah.

Me: Honey, I worry about your heart.

Rob: You're the one eating doughnuts.

Me: Falling in love makes you irrational.

Rob: Irrational? Not ever. Totally not. Me irrational? What? Huh?

Me: What about that woman with "Elvis Lives" tattooed on her forehead?

Rob: She was very … optimistic.

Me: And the one who thought pigeons speak to her?

Rob: She'll never feel alone. But this one is different. We've had

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three whole dates and I haven't once felt like suggesting she'd benefit from lengthy psychotherapy.

Me: What about how you behave? The short list of things you've done for love includes: Bought a ferret, grown your hair, cut your hair, studied "clowning," sworn you love Barry Manilow, sworn you hate Barry Manilow, sworn you love camping — which, if you remember, led to you actually having to go camping, grown your hair again, and worn spandex.

Rob: I liked the spandex. Once I got that chafing under control. Anyway, what about listening to my heart?

Me: I'm afraid you can't hear it over your hormones. Sweetie, why do you want to try this again?

Rob: Because maybe this will be the woman that'll make inane love songs seem like deep, meaningful insight. Maybe she'll be the person who will know me; the good, the bad, the bordering on repellent and still love me like springtime. And maybe I'll do the same for her. What's it worth risking for that?

Me: Truthfully? … Everything you've got. Just look after yourself, OK?

Rob: What's the worst that can happen?

Me: Remember Raw Food Girl?

Rob: I have to run. We've signed up to take Norwegian country dancing.

Me: Good for you, sweetie. I'm right behind you.

The things we do for love.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

GRAEME MACKAY

Letters

First Nations issues are important to all Canadians

Metro should be commended for its respectful and thought-provoking coverage of First Nations issues.

Metro's coverage provided important information on an often overlooked subject in many media outlets. First Nations issues are important to our communities and our nation.

GLENN KIRKWOOD, LADNER, B.C.

Views

Hiring extra workers versus TTC overtime

InTransit

Ed Drass

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Every year, Ontario discloses the top earners among public sector employees. The most recent "Sunshine List" included 62 TTC drivers and 21 subway station collectors who made more than $100,000 in 2008, basically by working overtime. Why does the TTC offer extra pay instead of hiring more workers?

I recently spoke to the TTC's head of corporate communications, Brad Ross, as well as Amalgamated Transit Union president Bob Kinnear on the subjects of overtime, sick benefits and on-the-job injuries. Wouldn't you know it, they differed on a lot of items — but on overtime they actually agree. Mostly.

Says Ross, "We save the people of Toronto money by paying overtime rather than hiring more employees and paying … not just their wages, but also benefits."

Apparently, non-salary costs are high enough that it's better to use the people you've got than bring in new ones. This may be especially true for the transit industry, where unexpected delays often mean overtime.

Kinnear feels employees should not be criticized for making themselves available for more hours, such as during Caribana. Some personnel work, he says, "seven days throughout the week … 15 hours a day, to provide the service. Under those sort of circumstances it is economically … responsible of the TTC to have some overtime."

He adds, "If you were to hire more employees to cover events like that, or those sporadic increases that you require, then there's going to be times when they're not doing anything."

Kinnear did say the TTC could save money by not requiring subway operators to work "forced overtime." That's a good topic for another column since one way to reduce costs is by switching train crews en route — delaying us riders.

The system is also chronically short of bus drivers, especially since service was expanded in 2008 and 2009. The TTC expects to catch up on hiring soon, but I've heard such promises for years.

Does the commission pay too much overtime in order to cover the absence of sick employees? Ross says the TTC's absentee rates are in the middle of the road compared to similar transit agencies. This — for those of you following the issues behind the Toronto civic workers' strike — may indicate the TTC is not overly generous when it comes to allowing sick days.

Although absenteeism can range from around six to 13 per cent depending on the department, Kinnear says the rate has dropped in recent months.

Toronto-based transport writer Ed Drass covers transit issues every Monday; transit@eddrass.com.

Worth mentioning

Thieves reaching out via online classified ads

Online classified shoppers trawling for deals on iPhones are being targeted by armed thieves.

In three connected incidents earlier this month, victims answered ads posted on Craigslist and Kijiji, exchanged numbers and email addresses with the seller, then arranged to meet at a Toronto parking lot.

In each case, the victims were robbed of between $400 and $600.

Toronto police Det.-Const. Christopher Sloan says similar incidents have been happening across the city, but the most recent cases are believed to involve the same men.

Craigslist crime is happening across North America.

Earlier this year, Texas and Arizona residents were warned of a "Craigslist crime spree" after two men who answered an ad for a motorcycle were robbed at gunpoint.

Sloan says if you plan to meet someone you've met online, do it in a public place such as a coffee shop, and bring a friend.

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Piracy, global meltdown hits Suez Canal's revenues
The Suez Canal authority chief says revenues from Egypt's waterway dropped this year by 7.2 per cent to $4.72 billion as a result of the global financial meltdown and piracy off the Horn of Africa. Some ships opt for the longer, costlier route around South Africa. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Business

Toyota to end venture with GM

Toyota Motor Corp. is moving toward liquidating its stake in a California manufacturing plant that it jointly operated with General Motors. The NUMMI plant makes the Pontiac Vibe wagon for GM, and the Corolla compact car and Tacoma pickup truck for Toyota. GM's stake in NUMMI is now part of Motors Liquidation Co. — also known as Old GM — where it will be liquidated under court supervision. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ericsson's revenues double?

Swedish firm to add 2,500 Nortel employees with deal

Swedish wireless equipment maker LM Ericsson could nearly double its North American revenues and add 2,500 employees to its workforce with the purchase of Nortel Networks' profitable and stable wireless business for $1.13 billion US.

Ericsson and Nortel announced the all-cash purchase Saturday. The transaction covers Nortel's older CDMA technology, as well as newer long-term evolution, or LTE, wireless businesses of the insolvent Canadian company's Carrier Networks unit.

In 2008, Ericsson's North American business generated around $2.7 billion US of sales.

Ericsson CEO Carl-Henric Svanberg said the acquisition would add 2,500 employees to his company, of which about 400 are focused on LTE research and development. More than a third of the 2,500 jobs in the division are in Ottawa, where Nortel employs about 1,000 people.

The deal is subject to approval by bankruptcy courts in Canada and the United States tomorrow and government regulatory authorities in both countries. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Job cuts expected in Toronto, Ottawa

- Despite LM Ericsson's guarantees that it will take on 2,500 Nortel employees, it's possible there will be some job cuts in Canada, likely in Ottawa and at Nortel's head office in the Toronto area.
- In a rival bid for the wireless division last month, Finnish-German company Nokia Siemens Networks had guaranteed about 800 Canadian jobs.

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In brief

MAGMA He is known for starting companies from scratch, building them up, then selling them for a tidy profit, but Ross Beaty says his plan for geothermal newcomer Magma Energy Corp. is to turn it into a long-lasting multibillion-dollar company. Vancouver-based Magma, which Beaty founded in 2008 and took public earlier this month, has a market capitalization of $400 million. The goal is to grow the company, which currently has a capacity of about 23 megawatts, into one that produces more than 500 MW in five years.

SORRY A British newspaper reported yesterday that a group of eminent economists have apologized to the Queen for failing to predict the financial crisis. The Observer newspaper reported that a letter has been sent to the Queen after she demanded, during a visit to the London School of Economics last November, to know why nobody had anticipated the credit crunch. Signatories include Tim Besley, a member of the Bank of England's monetary policy committee, and historian Peter Hennessy.
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Via Rail promises full service today after union ends strike

AGREEMENT Via Rail Canada train service was to resume late yesterday after the company and the union representing more than 300 striking engineers reached an agreement to end a strike that paralyzed passenger service across the country.

The company expects full service to resume by this morning.

The agreement was reached after Via and the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference (TCRC) met with a mediator, the company and the union said.

"Following that meeting they decided to send any outstanding issues that remain to be resolved to a process of binding arbitration," Via spokesman Malcolm Andrews said.

"More importantly, they agreed to come back to work so that Canada's passenger rail service could be up and running again."

TCRC president Dan Shewchuk said in a statement the union opted for a deal because it reached the conclusion that "there was no possible agreement in the short term."

Several hundred employees who were laid off due to the strike will also return to work immediately, said Andrews.

He said the quick conclusion to the strike was due to its significant impact on tourism and travel during one of the busiest travel periods of the year.
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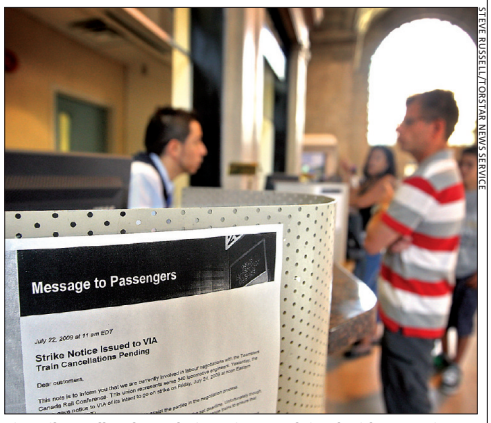

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Via Rail travellers have their options explained Friday at Union Station after the railway cancelled trains.

What do marketing and myths have in common?

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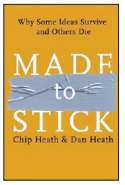

Have you ever heard an urban legend and noticed that just about everyone you know is also familiar with the story? According to authors (and brothers) Dan and Chip Heath, there is a very particular mix of factors that lead to the success and longevity of these tales. In their book, Made to Stick, the Heath brothers walk the reader through each principle of "sticking" using the acronym SUCCESS. Business examples include the simple Southwest Airlines approach to being "the low fare airline." This book was a hit at book club — especially when we gave the task of creating a marketing campaign to two teams for a challenge. Fun reading.
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Market volatility not over: Expert

CAUTION The Toronto stock market has seen two positive weeks in a row amid better-than-expected corporate earnings and a prediction from the Bank of Canada that the recession is over, but experts caution that investors aren't out of the woods yet.

"I'm inclined to think maybe the news is as good as it's going to get on that side," said John Johnston, chief strategist for the Harbour Group with RBC Dominion Securities.
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In Indonesia, EcoFaeBrick makes environmentally-friendly bricks out of leftover cow dung, fired in kilns using biofuels to reduce carbon emissions, according to Green Trends. And no, they don't smell — they look exactly like clay bricks and cost about the same as regular bricks but are said to be 20 per cent stronger and lighter. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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G8 emissions plan is meaningless

EarthTones

Sophia Dore & Andrew Laursen

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Sometimes we can all be pretty gullible. Ever make a major purchase because it was "30 per cent off" or choose a bag of chips because it had "50 per cent more?" More than what? More than a bag with 50 per cent fewer chips? The ads make us feel like savvy shoppers, but without a frame of reference, it's pretty meaningless.

One lesson learned from the recent G8 summit in Italy is that the Chinese, Indians, Brazilians, and Mexicans are better shoppers than we are. While G8 countries were hailing the agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 50 per cent by 2050 (80 per cent for developed economies), and to limit global average temperature increases to two degrees over pre-industrial temperatures, these developing economies were asking what it all means.

Like the bag of chips, the agreement lacks meaning as it lacks any frame of reference. A 50 per cent reduction from what year? And what is the baseline for pre-industrial temperature? If we choose 1830s versus 1850s (last minimum of the "Little Ice Age") it makes a major difference. The agreement reached in Italy is not a plan, and without frames of reference it does not set any real goals.

These frames of reference are to be worked out in advance of the December UNFCC Conference in Copenhagen, but it is disappointing that G8 leaders left Italy without establishing them. While we're at it and talking about frames of reference, somebody better verify with the Americans that we mean Celsius.

Of course, it's not just that the Chinese, Indians, Brazilians, and Mexicans are more cautious shoppers. Even with benchmarks, it will be difficult to get these countries to buy in to any carbon emission reduction plan. Until recently, that has been a justification for Canada to walk away from its Kyoto Protocol obligations, and for the U.S. to not even ratify Kyoto. But these decisions showed a lack of understanding of our own economy, and have really put the North American market at a disadvantage. Like other G8 countries, the Canadian and American economies are built on innovation. We have let European countries take the risks, hence the lead in green technologies. Adopting stringent carbon reduction targets now will have us playing catch-up for years, but further delays will only broaden the gap.

Further, a more expansive view of our commitment to reduce carbon emissions that includes not only use of products in Canada, but carbon emissions during their manufacture and transportation, will give developing economies incentive to reduce emissions to remain competitive. So far, however, product life cycle goals for carbon emissions remain outside the scope of the major international agreements and conventions. Hopefully, someday they find their place.

Beyond the technology gap

- The economies of China, India, Brazil, and Mexico are not built on innovation but rather on taking innovative products and making them less expensively. If we are innovative in designing products that are more efficient, and are innovative in developing new, greener manufacturing technologies, who do you think will adopt those technologies and make those products?

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Mexico wins Gold Cup

Mexico won its fifth Gold Cup yesterday by dominating the Americans 5-0 in the final. A Giants Stadium crowd of 79,156, overwhelmingly comprised of Mexican fans, watched the visitors score all their goals in the second half. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Massa in life-threatening state

Ferrari F1 driver Felipe Massa remained in "life-threatening" but stable condition yesterday following surgery on multiple skull fractures. Massa was injured during Saturday qualifying when the rear spring from another car bounced into his helmet as the 28-year-old reached speeds of about 120 mph. The impact concussed Massa, who then ploughed into a protective tire barrier. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Contador claims Tour

Alberto Contador won the Tour de France for a second time yesterday, and Lance Armstrong capped his return to the race with an impressive third-place finish.

Mark Cavendish of Britain collected his sixth stage win of this year's Tour in a sprint after the 164-kilometre course ride from Montereau-Fault-Yonne to the Champs-Elysees.

Alberto Contador

Over nearly 3,500 kilometres and 21 stages of racing over three weeks, Contador repelled many challenges in the mountains, excelled in the two time trials — winning a pivotal race against the clock in the 18th stage — and won the first alpine stage.

Andy Schleck of Luxembourg, Contador's biggest rival among title contenders in the mountains, was second overall.

Contador, the 2007 champion, also had to battle a rearguard action within his Astana team, where the comeback of Armstrong to the Tour after 3½ years of retirement raised questions about who would be the team leader.

"It has been an especially difficult Tour for me, but I savour it and it is more special because of it," Contador said after the prize ceremony.

Victoria's Ryder Hesjedal, the lone Canadian in this year's Tour, finished 49th overall, 1:14:03 back.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stanley Cup **Zigomanis brings it home**

ADRIEN VECZAN/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mike Zigomanis, right, of the Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins brought the cup to the Mount Joy Community Centre in Markham yesterday.

Sports in brief

CANADIAN OPEN The RBC Canadian Open is going to need at least one more day to crown a champion. Officials are now planning for a finish today after enduring yet another rain delay yesterday. Jason Dufner leads at 14-under. Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., was five shots back thanks in large part to an ace at the par-3 fourth hole.

BLUE JAYS Rookie lefty Brett Cecil made a third straight impressive start for the Toronto Blue Jays, throwing seven innings of one-run ball in a 5-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays yesterday.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

MLS planning to make an Impact in Montreal?

It's Called Football

Ben Rycroft

metronews.ca/itscalledfootball

The Montreal Impact have been dealt back in. Or, at least, they're back at the table and may be willing to bet the minimum.

For those who have forgotten the expansion standoff between Impact owner Joey Saputo and MLS commissioner Don Garber earlier this year, here's a recap:

Saputo: We don't want to pay a $40-million expansion fee.

Garber: Well, $40 million is the bet.

Saputo: I'll bet $31 million.

Garber: You, sir, are out of the game.

Saputo: You do know we attracted 55,000 to a soccer game in February? We've spent $15 million on our stadium. And my family makes really good cheese.

Garber: All very nice, but $40 million is the minimum.

Saputo: I'm calling your bluff.

And with that, Garber had Saputo tossed out of the casino.

Meanwhile, the two other players, Vancouver and Portland, played a few more hands and ended up paying $35 million.

But Saputo is back, money in hand, saying he is willing to pay the $35-million price.

Garber is convinced. The board of governors even discussed the Impact as they met this weekend ahead of Wednesday's all-star game in Utah. It seems MLS is more than willing to put the past behind them.

But will Saputo?

The league invited Saputo to the all-star game, an offer Saputo politely (and insanely) refused because the Impact are playing the night before.

You can do both Joey — I checked online for you. There are 16 Air Canada flights that will get you to Salt Lake City on time. Yes, it'll cost $1,300, but surely that's worth it if it keeps you from pissing off the dealer again.

An announcement on whether the league will offer expansion in 2012 is expected today. However those cards flop, Montreal should play the hand it's dealt and thank the league for it because, in the end, the MLS house always wins.

Watch Ben Rycroft on the It's Called Football show every Monday at metronews.ca; ben.rycroft@metronews.ca

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We are holding an Open House where you can learn more about this transit project, ask questions, and share your comments. The Open House will be held from 6:30pm to 9:00pm.

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Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit (LRT)

Preliminary Planning
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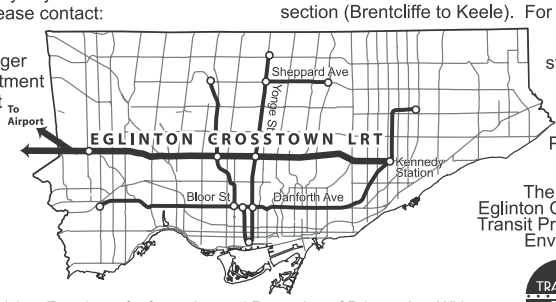
Background:
The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) and the City of Toronto are conducting preliminary planning for a new Light Rail Transit (LRT) route along Eglinton Avenue from Kennedy Subway Station to Pearson International Airport. The LRT would link to the Yonge Subway at Eglinton Station and the Spadina Subway at Eglinton West Station. As part of the Transit City light rail network, important connections will be provided to the proposed Don Mills LRT and Jane Street LRT.

The Eglinton Crosstown would provide modern, accessible and comfortable light rail transit service. Within the central section between Brentcliffe Road (just west of Leslie Street) to Keele Street, the LRT would operate underground as the width of Eglinton Avenue in this area is too narrow to accommodate LRT. For the remainder of the route, the LRT would operate in surface transit lanes in the centre of the street.

Responses to questions and comments submitted during consultations held in 2008 will be posted in the Frequently Asked Questions and Answers section on the project website, www.toronto.ca/transitcity.

At the July 2009 Open House, TTC and the City will present proposed station and station entrance locations for the central underground section (Brentcliffe to Keele). For the rest of Eglinton Avenue, proposed platform locations and traffic management strategies to provide fast and reliable LRT service will be displayed. Alternative corridors for the extension from Martin Grove Road to Pearson International Airport will also be exhibited.



The preliminary planning for the Eglinton Crosstown LRT will lead to a Transit Project Assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act.

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Metro Workology exclusive: Backstage Pass
In the coming weeks Metro's Workology section will be focusing on the part of the entertainment industry that you DON'T see. Backstage Pass will focus on the careers behind the camera and the curtain. So be sure to read Workology and Metronews.ca/work every day.

Workology

Woman donates home to UOIT

An 87-year-old Whitby resident, Stefania Dulemba, is returning to her native Poland to help build a shelter there, so she has signed over early her home and property she and her late husband Alexsander willed to the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, which will use the gift for office and research space. Over the years the couple made financial donations to UOIT and Durham College. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Rhythm writing for the stage

Composer's 'bitter pill': It's best if no one notices your music

Backstage Pass

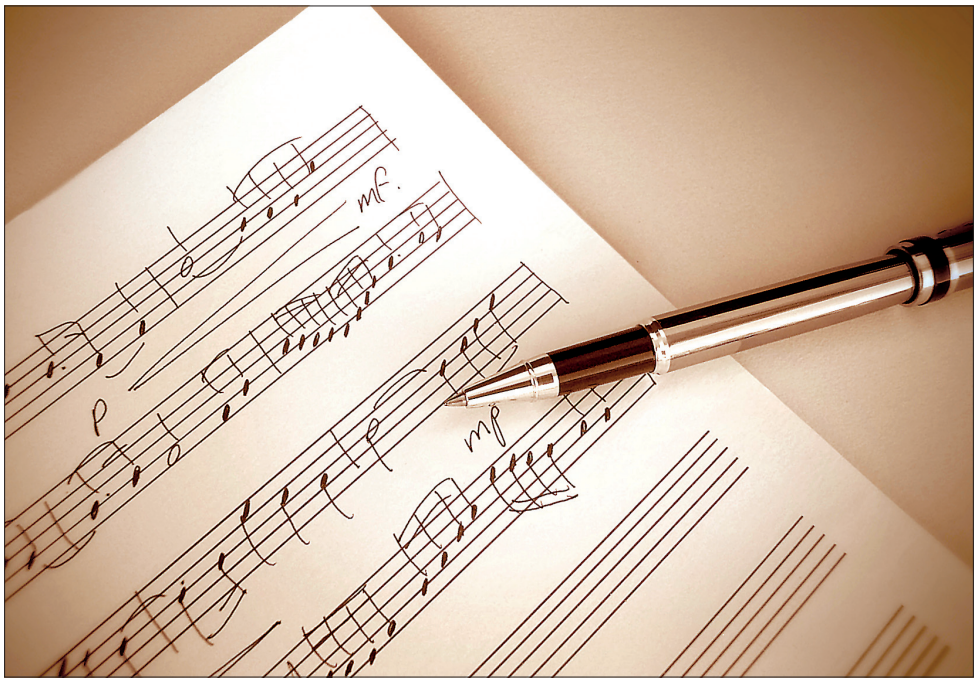
JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

While the music industry struggles to keep up with the Internet, the technology has made composing for stage and film easier than ever.

From his Halifax base, musician Jason Michael MacIsaac can work anywhere. "A short jaunt to Toronto replaces three weeks in Toronto," he says over tea in a local café.

He writes scores for plays, films and commercials, and is also in a band called the Heavy Blinkers. "There's not one aspect of my career that allows me my extremely epicurean lifestyle," he jokes, taking a bite out of his peanut-butter bagel.

Usually, a composer's job is to write music that no one notices. "That's a bitter pill to swallow," he says, but he understands that badly timed music can wreck a play. "If you have a pivotal moment when someone says, 'Oh, you didn't know I'm a vampire?' and you don't hear that line, for the rest of the play you're like, 'Why's he sucking blood?'"

That's generally true for films, too. MacIsaac wrote the music for 2003's Touch and Go, which featured a "pre-Ellen Page Ellen Page," as he puts it.

As a composer, you can work anywhere, says Halifax-based musician Jason Michael MacIsaac.

Earlier this year, he got a chance most stage composers only dream of: He worked on Poor Boy, a pop music fantasia by Halifax's Zuppa Theatre.

"It was a play born out of the music that myself and (collaborator) Dave Christensen created. Every action, every piece of dialogue, was after the music," he smiles. The actors also played the music, presenting further compositional challenges. "You can't be stuck at your cello if you have to go from stage left to stage right in under ten seconds, so a lot of the arrangement becomes stripped down."

That's a common concern: What the composer creates in his head may be too expensive or cumbersome for the play. "It's heartbreaking when a song gets dropped. There's a song in Poor Boy that it kills me every time I don't hear it," he says. "It's 'Look at me, look at me!' Then all of a sudden, it's not about me anymore. I'm at the service of the play."

McMaster University in Ontario, Bishop's University in Quebec and University of Lethbridge in Alberta are among the institutions that offer classes combining music with theatre, film and television. Many musicians either study music and then apply it to stage, or simply learn music on their own and then turn professional.

For more of the Backstage Pass exclusive series check Workology frequently or stop by: metronews.ca/work

Workology in brief

JOB TRENDS Sixty per cent of executives and recruiters polled by ExecuNet, a management networking organization, believe the fields that will generate the biggest growth in executive jobs over the next year are health care, green technology, pharmaceuticals, medical and biotechnology, alternative energy, business support services and power generation. Over the past year, there has been a 14-per-cent reduction in executive recruiting.

LOYALTY Canadian employees are becoming less loyal to their employers, says a new Ipsos Reid study called Build a Better Workforce. Disloyalty was particularly high for employees in the manufacturing and financial services sectors as well as employees of companies where staff cuts were made or salaries were frozen due to the economic downturn.

EDUCATION According to a new study, 47 per cent of working-age Canadians have a post-secondary credential from a college or university, higher than any other developed country. In the U.S., the number was eight per cent lower. The number of Canadians obtaining post-secondary credentials is rising with 55 per cent of Canadians aged 25 to 34 attended university or college, compared to fewer than four out of 10 Canadians aged 55 to 64.

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Maclean's probes Canada's 'G5' Universities
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Keeping masterworks perfect

OddJobs

Diane Peters

Metronews.ca/oddjobs

Few man-made things last forever. Buildings, books and bridges crumble if no one takes care of them.

Paintings in particular discolour, tear and get damaged over the years when they're on display, being handled and getting shipped.

Conservators try to both reverse and prevent damage to paintings as well as sculptures, books and artifacts.

Claude Belleau, 48, heard about this unique career around the time he was starting an art history degree at Concordia University in Montreal.

Growing up in nearby Chambly, Belleau loved to paint and draw, and he also had a passion for history. (Easy to do in a town that boasts Fort Chambly, built in 1711.)

"As far back as I can remember I loved looking at books with old masters' paintings. I was as young as 13 or 14 when I was looking at that stuff."

It took two tries, but Belleau eventually got into the masters program in art conservation at Queen's University in Kingston, the only such program in Canada.

The degree blended art with science, and Belleau learned about how paint pigments decay and how temperature and humidity can either preserve or break down materials.

After graduation, Belleau got experience in Quebec City and in Belgium, and ended up spending 20 years at the Museé National des Beaux-Arts du Québec as staff conservator.

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Claude Belleau's work as a painting conservator is incredible precise and he says, "you need to be patient."

Looking for a change, Belleau joined the Glenbow Museum in Calgary three months ago.

At work, he examines paintings from the museum's collection, pieces that have been borrowed or works that the museum wants to buy. He then writes reports on what he sees. For the museum's pieces, he'll propose repairs.

Those suggestions are then approved or rejected by the museum either based on time (sometimes there just isn't enough if a show is about to go up) or concerns about risk to the painting.

He also meets with other staff members to consult on preventing risk to paintings and makes suggestions for, for instance, safe shipping.

He also spends time in the museum's lab, which he shares with two other conservators (one works with paper, the other with artifacts). There, he relies on special tables and other equipment to repair holes, redo finishes, remount canvases and do touch-ups with pigment.

"It's very precise work. It requires dexterity. And you need to be patient," says Belleau. Some paintings take just a few hours of work. Some of the massive church paintings he conserved while working in Quebec took hundreds of hours.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

The Lowdown

Job title: Painting conservator
Salary: N/A
Education/training: Masters degree in art conservation, background in art, history or science
Best Part of the Job: "To be in contact with the collections. Going beyond just the surface appearance of the painting to see how it was made and see the artist's intent."
Worst Part of the Job: "It's frustrating not to always be able to do everything you want to do to a work, often because of time constraints."

Centennial offers options for aspiring mechanics

EVA LAM
for Metro Canada

SKILLS Jeremy Lemco really likes cars. And as the Grade 11 student was weighing his career options last year, he decided to take his hobby a step further.

"I thought, hey, why don't I just be a mechanic?" he recalls. "I like cars, I like looking at and seeing how cars work, all that stuff — so why not work on them?"

Signing up through the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program and his high school's co-op program, Lemco worked at an East York car shop every other day throughout the school year, helping with oil changes, tires, suspension work, brakes, clean-up and more.

He plans to return to the shop during Grade 12 and then continue working toward his Certificate of Apprenticeship after graduation, including attending classes at Centennial College for part of the year.

Lemco may have a head-start as a high school student, but his experience is just one of the many paths one can take to becoming a mechanic in Ontario.

Centennial's School of Transportation, the largest of its kind in Canada, offers five types of programs for aspiring mechanics, otherwise known as technicians: Post-secondary, apprenticeships, co-ops, modified apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships.

The school's many industry partners, including Ford, GM and Bombardier, allow students to get valuable hands-on training, says Jaimini Randev, the school's dean. "They donate a lot of inventory to us, like vehicles and engines and components and brake parts and all kinds of teaching materials … We have over $30 million worth of inventory here."

The programs also prepare students for the provincial qualification exam that will earn them a Certificate of Qualification, a requirement of workers in certain skilled trades including automotive service technician and refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic.

However, not all skilled trades call for certification. Aircraft mechanics, or officially, aircraft mechanical engineers (AMEs), are instead licensed through Transport Canada.

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Octomom TV series
Octomom Nadya Suleman has signed agreements for her 14 children to star in a reality television show, Entertainment Weekly reports. Each of Suleman's children will earn $250 per day according to the contracts. Filming begins this fall. EW.COM

Entertainment

Not guilty
A British judge acquitted Amy Winehouse on Friday of assaulting a fan who asked to take her picture. The singer was found not guilty of punching dancer Sherene Flash. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Style over substance

I Kissed A Girl singer's hot-ticket show leaves reviewer cold

Katy Perry
Venue: Molson Amphitheatre
Rating:

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Toronto

Katy Perry is struggling. Not with ability, mind you. A talented singer raised on gospel music, she's got the chops. If not, she couldn't have laid down the vocals for chart-toppers such as I Kissed A Girl and Hot N Cold in the first place. Yet her talent is sacrificed in desperate attempts to "make it" when she doesn't realize one key fact: She has.

Case in point: Despite selling boatloads of copies of sophomore effort One Of The Boys — her debut, if you dispute her 2001 album released under her birth name of Katy Hudson — and a Grammy nomination for Best Female Pop Vocal Performance, her scrapes with other pop sirens such as Lilly Allen and Lady GaGa are what really keep her in the press.

It's a sad style-over-substance approach that winds up churning out mindless fluff; forgettable scraps of music that are the sonic equivalent of an impulse buy: Great at the time, yet deeply regrettable with more thought, a sentiment that carries over to her Hello Katy tour, as this unmemorable evening readily proved.

JOHN KENNEDY/FOR METRO TORONTO

Katy Perry performs last night at the Molson Amphitheatre as part of her Hello Katy world tour.

Taking the stage first, her backup band shuffled out in its laughable pink polyester suits, lazily meandering through a tuneless intro to build anticipation for Perry, who strode in throwing kisses and roses.

Comprised of tweens attending their first-ever concert and the eye-rolling parents in tow, the audience was ravenous at her presence, yet clearly had no previous knowledge of opener Fingerprints, presumably skipping it for the CD's hits.

Not that one can blame them. While it seems difficult to make simplistic four-chord songs roughhewn and sloppy, the band still achieved that dubious goal as Perry primped for the masses and reached for her notes.

Even more shocking — like trying to look away from an accident scene — was the stage set itself. Apparently created by Madonna's designer, it reeked of a discount Japanese toy store vomiting across the Amphitheatre stage: A rhinestone-encrusted microphone, oversized pink flamingos, inflatable strawberries and white-picket fences ensnaring band equipment. Maybe Perry should pay more attention to nailing the songs as opposed to searching out new areas to coat with fuchsia.

And so it played out: Youthful screams of bliss at Perry's banter, a string of numbers few truly knew and then the obligatory radio hit thrown in at just the right moment, approximately every third or fourth song until the inevitable I Kissed A Girl.

While Perry is looking for longevity, she's mired in fashion over function, and musicianship seems secondary to looking the part. The last time that happened — well, how many 30-somethings are still proudly proclaiming their love for Tiffany?

Exactly.

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Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres:

1. **G-Force:** $32.2 million US
2. **Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince:** $30 million
3. **The Ugly Truth:** $27 million
4. **Orphan:** $12.8 million
5. **Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs:** $8.2 million
6. **Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen:** $8 million
7. **The Hangover:** $6.5 million
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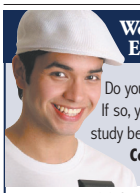

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Author Harris dead

E. Lynn Harris, a pioneer of gay black fiction and a literary entrepreneur has died, his publicist said Friday. The 54-year-old author was best known for such successful novels as Invisible Life, Too Good To Be True and Abide With Me. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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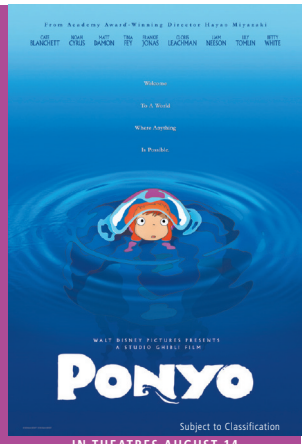

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Hitler scene remixes Net hit

ONLINE A scene from 2004's Downfall, the Oscar-nominated film that initially courted controversy by portraying Adolf Hitler as a three-dimensional character, is getting rave reviews on YouTube. That's because over the past two years, the scene has been remixed more than 100 times by people who've replaced the original subtitles with their own. In the remixes, Hitler — played by Swiss actor Bruno Ganz — loses his cool not at the impending end of the Third Reich, but at less politically significant topics.

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Plum tackles love and crime

BookPicks

Finger Lickin' Fifteen

Author: Janet Evanovich
Publisher: St. Martin's Press
Price: $35.95 (Hardcover)

The 15th instalment in Janet Evanovich's Stephanie Plum mystery series sees her leading lady try to solve two sets of crimes while balancing her assorted love life and quirky characters she encounters throughout. The lingerie buyer-turned-bounty hunter is on the prowl to discover who killed celebrity chef Stanley Chipotle in a Trenton, N.J., alleyway. Key evidence is companion and sole witness Lula's entrance into the barbecue competition at which Chipotle was poised to appear. Meanwhile, Plum is put to test to find the inside man responsible for burgling clients of a security firm run by one of Plum's affections.

Tomato Rhapsody

Author: Adam Schell
Publisher: Delacorte Press
Price: $28.95 (Hardcover)

In this debut tale of sundry literary inspirations, Adam Schell traces the fantastic fictional account of how the tomato came to Italy. In pseudo-Shakespearean fashion, Schell introduces a tiny 16th century Tuscan village and its comic, rhyme-speaking residents. Jewish farmer Davido is given a pass by the village priest to bring the tomato to town, but the fruit quickly becomes a catalyst for controversy. Davido becomes the apple of Catholic Mari's eye, but love appears forbidden, considering her stepfather is overprotective olive mogul and novel villain Giuseppe. The course of true love never did run smooth, and this couple's desire is no exception.

The Whiskey Rebels

Author: David Liss
Publisher: Ballantine Books
Price: $17.50 (Hardcover)

In an 18th century, post-Revolutionary War America, once-touted spy Ethan Saunders has become a down-and-out drunk living in Philadelphia after being accused of treason. But he comes to the call of his old flame Cynthia, who left him earlier for brutal businessman Jacob Pearson, when her new beau vanishes. In an attempt to find Pearson, Saunders stumbles upon a band of rural moonshiners — including one of their wives, Joan Maycott — who aims to topple Alexander Hamilton's Bank of the United States due to his proposed whiskey tax. Using intricate historical detail and real political characters, Liss explores the plights of both Saunders and Maycott.

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Moonwalking with mystery celeb

A mystery celebrity will write an introduction to a reissue of Michael Jackson's 1988 memoir Moonwalk. Harmony Books, an imprint of Random House, will issue a 100,000 run of the text, and proceeds will go to charity or to the family trust. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Millions more found in MJ estate

The temporary administrators of Michael Jackson's estate have recovered $5.5 million and personal property from an unnamed former financial advisor, and predict that the pop icon's estate will be solvent despite an estimated $400 million or more in debt, according to court documents released Friday.

Attorney John Branca and music executive John McClain, administrators for Jackson's will, are finishing several deals that they expect will generate "tens of millions" in revenue. These deals will be filed for court approval within next week.

The revelations were included in two motions requesting allowances for Jackson's three children and his mother, Katherine. The petitions state that Jackson was the primary source of income for his children and his mother.

The children and Jackson's mother are the only members of Jackson's family eligible to receive support from the estate, according to court filings.

The stipend amounts requested are redacted from court records released Friday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Celebs visit Comic Con

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The 40th annual San Diego International Comic Con attracted an estimated 125,000 fans of film, TV, video games and comic books for four days of beautiful weather, celebrity sightings and previews of upcoming blockbusters.

While some worried the convention had strayed beyond its comic book roots to become a Hollywood marketing event, fans of all stripes celebrated their favourite pastimes with vigour — and more than a few interesting homemade costumes.

The biggest Hollywood-related draws of the festival were from veteran director James Cameron, who unveiled 25 minutes of footage from his long-awaited 3-D film, Avatar. Also on display for the first time were toys and concept art related to the film.

But perhaps even more anticipated — and the cause for more controversy — was the panel previewing New Moon, the latest in the Twilight series. Fans of the book and film franchise camped out the day and night before the panel, overtaking the 6,500-capacity Hall H, to the chagrin of fans hoping to attend other panels scheduled the same day.

Another piece of news was word that a sequel to the 1980s hit Tron is in fact on its way, as Jeff Bridges, star of the original, was happy to report. Principal filming has been completed, Bridges confirmed, but was intentionally cagey on plot details.

Tim Burton was on hand to preview his next big film, Alice in Wonderland, and even brought along star Johnny Depp as a surprise. "It's been years since I've been to Comic Con," Burton said. "It's so great to be back." He was also on hand to promote the animated film, 9, for which he served as producer. The film is due out next month.

First-time director Mike Dougherty was particularly thrilled to be bringing his horror film Trick or Treat to the convention, where is screened in front of a capacity crowd Thursday night. "These are my people. I've been coming here as a fan for 11 years," Dougherty, who also co-wrote Superman Returns and X-Men 2, explained. "It's like coming home."

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Actor Johnny Depp, left, and director Tim Burton speak at the Alice in Wonderland press conference during Comic Con.

Batman sequel

- Gary Oldman had come to Comic-Con to support The Book of Eli, but is dishing about The Dark Knight instead. The 51-year-old actor says the sequel to the Batman mega-hit will start shooting next year and likely be released the following.

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critics' corner

Do the Right Thing
The film that put director Spike Lee on the map, this 1989 social commentary is gaining renewed attention on the 20th anniversary of its release. It focuses on one summer day in Brooklyn. Everybody's testy from the heat, and the ethnic and racial tensions escalate into one giant explosion. 9 PM on PIX

The Bachelorette
Jillian Harris, the 29-year-old Vancouver-based beauty who had her romantic dreams crushed when Jason Mesnick passed her over in the last season of "The Bachelor," doesn't have to worry about history repeating itself: She's the one making her choice as the reality series closes out its latest season. 8 PM on ABC CITY

Guilt by Association
Actress Mercedes Ruehl stars in this 2002 made-for-cable drama as a woman who discovers her boyfriend is a drug dealer when she is brought up on drug charges. Wrongly convicted, she battles for her freedom. 10 PM on W

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Kutcher says Barton's fine
Despite Mischa Barton's week-long stay at a L.A. hospital psychiatric ward, Ashton Kutcher claims the actress is "doing great" and is headed to New York to work on her new show, The Beautiful Life, which Kutcher is producing. METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity Buzz

Usher's ex no gold digger

IN HER DEFENCE Usher's estranged wife isn't a gold digger, insists her friend, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Tameka Foster — who has two children, 19-month-old Usher V and eight-month-old Naviyd Ely, with the musician — is tired of rumours suggesting the makeup artist only married Usher to get her hands on his fortune.

Nyeisha Dewitt, Tameka's best pal, said: "To say that she's a gold digger … that's just not the case.

"People say that she just had a baby so that she could get paid. Why can't you just be a regular person who has a wonderful job, a great career, who's well respected for the work that they do, and be happy with that and then just fall in love with someone? Then you turn into a gold digger? How does that happen?"

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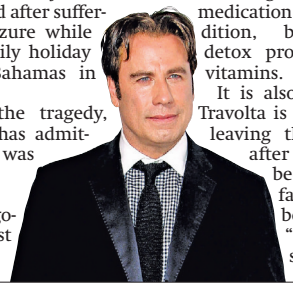
Grieving John having crisis of faith?

FALLOUT Friends of John Travolta are concerned for the reclusive star's health. The actor has been taking midnight drives in a golf cart alone across his Jumbolair estate in Florida, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

He is said to be unable to sleep, grief-stricken over the recent death of his teenaged son, Jett.

The late-night drives are a regular occurrence, according to one local resident.

A neighbour said: "We often see John driving himself around at night. It's sad to see. You rarely catch sight of him during the day. We used to see him driving around on a buggy with his son. Now it's just John by himself."



Jett died after suffering a seizure while on a family holiday in the Bahamas in January.

Since the tragedy, Travolta has admitted Jett was suffering from autism, going against Scientology, which does not acknowledge autism as a medical condition.

After his death, it was claimed Jett may not have been taking conventional medication for the condition, but rather detox programs and vitamins.

It is also rumoured Travolta is thinking of leaving the religion after 35 years, because his faith has been so "deeply shaken" by his son's death.

If the star — who has donated millions of dollars to the religion — does leave, the church is likely to react badly, according to Rick Ross, an author and lecturer on Scientology.

"(The church) has proven in the past that it has a penchant for releasing that information to embarrass people who have left and who have said things it doesn't like. That's why I think Travolta will want to keep his problems with the Church private." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Vanessa settles into new home

GROWING UP Vanessa Hudgens appreciates a clean house after becoming a homeowner, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress recently moved into a six-bedroom, $2.75-million US mansion and is beginning to realize how difficult she made life for her mother.

She said: "There is a struggle to keep the place clean. I'm always in my kitchen scrubbing down the counters and doing the dishes."

The 20-year-old added: "I feel completely safe in my house but all my friends are scared for me. And of course I can tell my parents panic a little.

"The best thing about living alone is being able to have my friends come over whenever."

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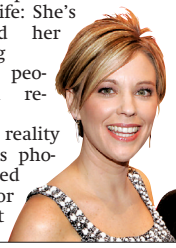
Kate coming to terms with split

BIG STEP As her estranged husband Jon Gosselin gallivants around New York City and the Hamptons with other women, Kate Gosselin has taken a more subtle step toward a new life: She's removed her wedding band, people.com reports.



The reality star was photographed Friday for the first time without her ring during a coffee run near her Pennsylvania home.

Just last month, removing the ring seemed like a symbolic gesture that she was not yet ready to make. "I haven't taken off my ring," she told People at the time. "It would devastate my kids. It's not necessary. I was looking at it while I was in the shower this morning, and I thought, I'm not taking it off. I'm not ready."

Ready or not, Jon has made it clear he's prepared to move ahead into single life after a decade of marriage. He went to Saint-Tropez with his new 22-year-old girlfriend, Hailey Glassman, rented a bachelor pad in Manhattan, and then holed up at Michael Lohan's house in Long Island with a tabloid reporter. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Ex-vegan Gwyneth tries chicken

CHANGE OF HEART Gwyneth Paltrow has apparently changed her tune when it comes to eating meat.

The previously devout vegan — who claimed last year that she hadn't eaten meat in 15 years — posted a cooking video recently to her website, Goop, in which she prepares roast chicken.

"My grandmother taught me how to wash chickens, which is to take handfuls of kosher salt, wet the chicken with cold water, scrub inside and out, rinse and dry so it's all nice and ready," she said before deboning the bird on camera.

GETTY IMAGES

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Lindsay eyes sweet venture

PROSPECT Lindsay Lohan wants to design her own range of candies, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress wants to team up with Sugar Factory, a firm that manufactures "couture lollipops," for a range of confectionary.

A source said: "Lindsay wants to either be the face for a new line of advertisements or design her own range."

The 23-year-old star — who has completed three stints in rehab — has been regularly pictured sucking on lollipops recently, and a source says she uses them to stop from returning to her vices.

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LeAnn's marriage over amid affair rumours

BREAKUP LeAnn Rimes opened up about relationships gone wrong during her performance at the Deer Valley Music Festival in Utah Saturday night, usmagazine.com reports.

"It is inevitable that sometimes in a relationship, you will have your heart broken," said the singer, who is separated from her husband of seven years, Dean Sheremet.

"Sometimes you don't do anything, but sometimes you want revenge. Sometimes you don't, and that's when you just leave it in God's hands."

Rimes, 26, was not wearing her wedding ring on stage.

On Saturday, a source told Us that Rimes and Sheremet are "leading separate lives … but still in each other's lives as best friends. They are not divorcing yet, but working though things and taking time apart … while they figure things out."

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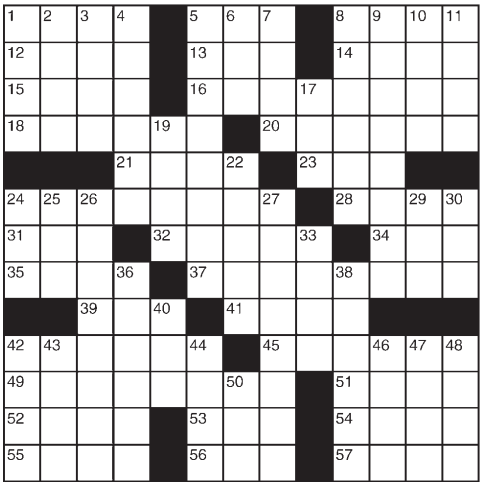

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48 Catches some rays
50 Previous night

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Four Seasons Pizza

INGREDIENTS:

PIZZA DOUGH

2 1/2 cups (625 ml) white bread or plain flour
7 g sachet dried yeast
1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil
Between 1/4 and 1 cup (about 200 ml) tepid water

TOPPINGS

5 oz (150 g) baby leeks, trimmed and sliced
4 oz (125 g) mushrooms, sliced
1 tbsp (15 ml) white wine vinegar
4 large grilled red pepper pieces, drained and thickly sliced
2/3 cup (150 ml) canned artichoke hearts, drained and quartered
1 garlic clove, finely chopped
2/3 cup (150 ml) tomato paste
1 tbsp (15 ml) tapenade
1 oz (50 g) prosciutto, thinly sliced
1/4 cup (50 ml) pitted black olives, sliced
1/2 cup (125 ml) semi-dried tomatoes, chopped
1/2 cup (125 ml) grated mozzarella cheese
A few fresh sprigs of oregano

METHOD:

1. Mix flour, yeast and salt in large bowl. Make well in centre and stir in olive oil with enough tepid water to make smooth dough. Turn dough out onto lightly floured surface and knead five minutes until smooth and elastic. Place dough back in rinsed-out and lightly oiled bowl, then cover with damp dishcloth or oiled plastic wrap and leave in warm place for 1 hour or until doubled in size.
2. Meanwhile, preheat oven to 400°F (200°C) and prepare toppings. Put leeks in pot with mushrooms and vinegar, cover and cook on high heat 3–4 minutes, shaking pot occasionally, until softened. Mix peppers with artichokes. Mix garlic into tomato paste.
3. Turn out risen dough onto lightly floured surface and knock back, knead lightly, then roll out or press out with knuckles to about 12in. (30–32 cm) round on lightly greased baking tray.
4. Spread tomato paste mixture evenly over pizza base, then pile leeks and mushrooms over one-quarter of dough and peppers and artichokes over second quarter. Over third quarter, dot tapenade and scrunch prosciutto on top. Spread olives and tomatoes over last quarter. Sprinkle cheese over whole pizza.
5. Bake pizza 30 minutes until golden around edges and lightly browned on top. Scatter some sprigs of oregano over pizza, cut into slices and serve piping hot.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
No matter how many serious things may be going on in your life at the moment you are determined to go out and have a good time.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You may be in the middle of a winning streak but don't take your good fortune for granted.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You will feel good about yourself today, but one thing you won't feel is the desire to do anything strenuous, so don't overdo it.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You like to ponder the big questions of life but today you must put them to the back of your mind and focus on more practical issues.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
The Sun in your sign will make it easy to believe that all things are possible — as indeed they are — but don't get carried away.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You'll find it easy to get your own way today: Other people seem mesmerized by your glamour and will do whatever it takes to please you.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
The more you look at the world around you the more you will realize there is a pattern to your existence.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
It's not like you to be so free and easy with your cash but you seem determined to lavish gifts on everyone.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Reach out and touch someone special today. Let them know that your feelings for them are as strong as ever.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You may be desperate to make a good impression on people who can help you career-wise, but don't run yourself into the ground.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Venus, planet of affection, makes a perfect angle to Jupiter in your birth sign today, so you will be lucky in love and lucky with money.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You've had a lot on your plate in recent weeks and may have been too busy to spend much time with your nearest and dearest.

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